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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Mark Sievert LARSEN et al

SERIAL NO: 09/445,033

TITLE: METHOD OF OPERATION OF A MULTI-STATION NETWORK

US Completion of PCT/GB98/01651

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents (DO/EO/US)
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SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT &
SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED FORM PCT/IB/332

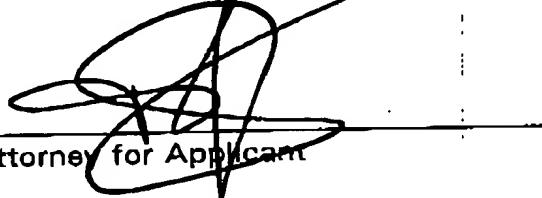
Dear Sir:

This is a supplement to our Petition to Withdraw Notice of Abandonment submitted on February 28, 2000, a copy of which is attached.

Enclosed herewith is a Corrected Version of the International Bureau's notice regarding notification of elected offices (Form PCT/IB/332).

It is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Abandonment dated January 31, 2000 was issued in error and the U.S. application should be returned to active status.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicant

March 14, 2000

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NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as
 a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has made the following determination:

1. Applicant's letter of express abandonment received _____ is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.138 and is hereby acknowledged.
2. Applicant has failed to provide the full U. S. Basic National Fee by 20 months (37 CFR 1.494 (b)(2)), 30 months (37 CFR 1.495 (b)(2)).
3. Applicant has failed to respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed _____ within the time period set therein.
4. Applicant has failed to properly respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed _____ within the time period set therein. See the attached NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE (Form PCT/DO/EO/916).
5. Other: *The 13 FEB/331 shows that the demand was not filed in a timely manner, 22 December 1998.*

Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494, 1.495 and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

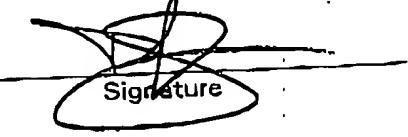
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Certification under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with The United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 28, 2000.

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COMPLETION OF PCT/GB98/01651 filed 05 June 1998

Group Art Unit:

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Abandonment, a copy of which is attached herewith. It is believed that this notice issued in error.

This U.S. application was filed under 35 USC 371 as a completion of PCT International Application PCT/GB98/01651 filed June 5, 1998 which maintains priority from South African Patent Application 97/5022 filed June 6, 1997. Accordingly, all deadlines under the PCT extend from the priority date of June 6, 1997.

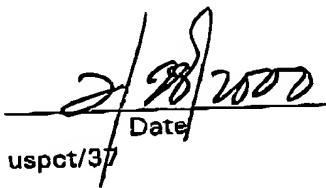
Enclosed is a copy of Form PCT/IPEA/402 issued by the European Patent Office as the International Preliminary Examining Authority indicating that the Demand for Chapter II examination was filed on December 22, 1998. It is noted that this date is prior to the expiration date of nineteen months from the priority date, i.e., January 6, 1999.

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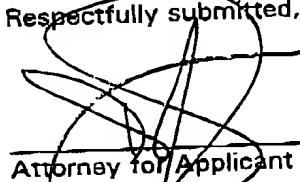
It is also noted that the European Patent Office as the IPEA examined the PCT international application and issued the International Preliminary Examination Report dated August 3, 1999. It is pointed out that such action would not have been taken if the Demand for Chapter II examination was not timely filed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Abandonment dated January 31, 2000 was issued in error and the U.S. application should be returned to active status.

Should any fee be deemed necessary for this petition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0400. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.


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Respectfully submitted,


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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT
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(X) (PCT Rule 59.3(e) and 61.1(b), first sentence
and Administrative Instructions, Section 601(a))

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Applicant's or agent's file reference
30.49.68439

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/GB 98/01651International filing date (day/month/year)
05/06/1998Priority date (day/month/year)
06/06/1997

Applicant

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

22/12/1998

2. This date of receipt is:

the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)).
 the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)).
 the date on which this Authority has, in response to the invitation to correct defects in the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/404), received the required corrections.

3. ATTENTION: That date of receipt is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, the election(s) made in the demand does (do) not have the effect of postponing the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)). Therefore, the acts for entry into the national phase must be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 22). For details, see the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume II.

(If applicable) This notification confirms the information given by telephone, facsimile transmission or in person on:

4. Only where paragraph 3 applies, a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau.

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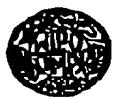
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From : Ting Zhao

Concerns: PCT/GB98/01651

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your fax of 28 February 2000, please find the enclosed copy of the corrected version of the Form PCT/IB/332. A corrected version of the Form PCT/IB/331 is being sent to the elected Offices concerned. We apologize for any inconvenience.

With best regards,


Ting Zhao
PCT Examination Section

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

AP : GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG, ZW
EP : AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE
National : AU, BG, BR, CA, CN, CZ, DE, IL, JP, KP, KR, MN, NO, NZ, PL, RD, RU, SE, SK, US

2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

EA : AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM
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National : AL, AM, AT, AZ, BA, BB, BY, CH, CU, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GE, GH, GM, GW, HU, ID, IS, KE, KG, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MW, MX, PT, SD, SG, SI, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, UZ, VN, YU, ZW

3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the International application (Article 30(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annex of the International preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The entry into the European regional phase is postponed until 31 months from the priority date for all States designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

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